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Sent: 11/20/2020 12:47:55 AM
To: Kim Kratz - NOAA Federal [kim.kratz@noaa.gov]
Subject: RE: Oregon Aquatic Life Designated Uses

Thanks, Kim.

One thing seems to be constant – there's always a lot going on. And this interesting post-election period is...interesting.

Hope word got to you on our finally pulling the trigger on some of the Puget Sound permits. Signed one today and planning to sign three more on Monday. Will remain eager to hear your take on our BEs and stand ready to make permit adjustments, if needed.

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) thus far, so we are thankful for that.

Be well and stay safe.

From: Kim Kratz - NOAA Federal <kim.kratz@noaa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 4:33 PM
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Subject: Re: Oregon Aquatic Life Designated Uses

Thanks, Dan. This is the first that I've heard of this. I believe that the state reached out on the 404 assumption, but this seems to be a different initiative.

I'll follow up with James McConaghie.

Thanks, hope you are doing well.

Kim

On Thu, Nov 19, 2020 at 9:58 AM Opalski, Dan <Opalski.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kim,

We were recently notified by Oregon DEQ that the state is forming a technical workgroup of external stakeholders to provide input on the planned revisions to their aquatic life designated uses, which could include revisions to T&E species designated beneficial uses. In compliance with a reasonable and prudent measure in the 2015 NOAA Opinion on EPA's action on Oregon's water quality standards for temperature (excerpted below), we are informing NOAA of the potential revisions that may be forthcoming from the state of Oregon.

Although the scope of the potential revisions is not yet known, the state is actively seeking a NOAA technical staff person to participate on the technical workgroup and provide review of and input on the planned updated designated uses. It is our understanding that the state has been unsuccessful at identifying a staff person from NOAA to participate on the workgroup. I understand the first workgroup meeting may have occurred this earlier this week. The Oregon DEQ contact for the workgroup is James McConaghie, James.McConaghie@state.or.us. Given the importance of early

engagement by NOAA, we would appreciate your assistance with a staffing assignment. We believe that early input to the state is immensely beneficial to the WQS revision process and will inform and assist with future ESA consultation on the matter.

I am happy to discuss further. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

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My pronouns are he and him.

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